

GRAND MATINEE

Breckenridge, Michigan

THURSDAY, AUG. 26, 1915

Racing Will Start at 1:00 p. m.

This will by all means be the largest meeting ever held in Gratiot Co. Already 30 horses have entered and several to be heard from.

COUNTRY JAY, This fast trotter will give an exhibition race. He has just returned from Europe where he has been giving exhibitions and this alone will be a treat.

TAKE A DAY OFF And Come And Enjoy A Days Outing

Admission 25c, Children under 12 Free

Alma, St. Louis and Breckenridge Driving Club

Points for Mothers

A Christening Party.
Christening parties usually are not very large ones, since even the fondest young parents can scarcely expect that there are many persons outside of their immediate families who will be deeply concerned in the new baby.

There may be a few friends living at some distance who should be invited rather formally by written invitations, but the grandparents and near relatives need be bidden only over the telephone or verbally.

If you wish to send formal invitations the following would be a correct wording:

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown
Request the Pleasure of Your
Company at the
Christening of Their Daughter
On Thursday, April 18,
At 5 o'clock
37 Bank Street.

The traditional color for a boy baby is blue and for a girl pink. Many mothers, however, prefer to have no touch of color in the little christening outfit for the baby, feeling that white better typifies the purity and innocence of babyhood.

The decorations for the house and for the christening feast, if you are to have one, may be either delicate blue or pink or in white. The choice of most mothers would be delicately tinted flowers rather than all pure white.

The christening should take place in daylight, preferably. If for any reason it is done in any room that is slightly dark and candles are lighted, these should have white shades. If the ceremony is sufficiently elaborate to include music, the most proper music would be cradle songs.

The christening feast should be in no way elaborate. Cake and wine are frequently the only refreshments served.

Story Telling.

All small children prefer to be told a story rather than trouble to read for themselves, and nothing is more delightful when time is at one's disposal than to venture a fairy romance or unfold a tale of heroism to a group of attentive and interested young people. In this way their interest is aroused, and soon when it is impossible for mother or father to sit down and spin these fancies for the children the little hands will open a nearby book, and the boy or girl will search for romance or adventure in the printed pages.

This is a precarious time in the mental development of a child. In this early age it will be determined whether a love of good literature or an interest in "trash" is to accompany the boy or girl through life, for if when young only good books are brought before the children's eyes you can be sure only good books will be read by the youngsters, and once having made the acquaintance of literature of a high order and enjoyed the adventures and romances written by some of the best word painters there will be no incentive to take to cheap, trashy books. For these latter will seem tame and unexciting after a taste for good books is developed.

Give a growing lad all he wants of Robert Louis Stevenson's adventures, of Scott's romances and some of Poe's mystery tales and you will find he will never be tempted to look into the pages of a cheap dime novel or to seek the lure of a love story of the trashy order.

Some children seem to be born with a love of books, and these youngsters instinctively take good care of their treasures.

Respect a Child's Mind.

It is very often an agonizing experience to a child to be discussed in his presence, as if he were not there at all and not to be considered—at any rate as a person to be considered about what is said in his presence. Then there is the stranger who will ask questions and make comments to a child about his appearance that a grownup would resent with indignation. Not all children like openly expressed admiration; rather do they resent it.

Another type of child is made pert, forward and unattractive by the same treatment. The pity of it is that it is always the child who suffers and not the older people, who cause it all. Does it not seem to you as if you might treat all children with the courtesy and consideration that we show to equals? There have been many examples of children to prove that the secret of good training and decent upbringing lies in being decent to the child.

About Regular Habits.

Wise folks know that all rules are meant to be broken, but it is not safe to let the children find it out too soon. It happens that some grow up without ever finding out, and a hard time of it they have ever after.

With very young children it is essential to have a fixed regularity in the daily routine, if it can possibly be carried out. This is necessary, because it is the only way of getting children into the habit of disposing of the daily necessities in a routine way. In the matter of eating, sleeping and dressing, in putting away toys and clothes, in table manners and in the details of courteous conduct, the routine must be observed, with never an exception. It is apparently the only way of making sure of the habits.

Couldn't Stand Everything.

During a case in which the plaintiff claimed damages from a railway company on account of severe bodily injuries, the company's lawyer was examining the plaintiff. After awhile the latter became irritated and said: "Mr. C., I cannot allow you to question me in this manner. I am an invalid on account of the injury received on the railway. It has affected my spine cord, and at this minute I can see you double. You know, Mr. C., it is generally enough to upset a man to see you once." adv.

THE CANOE GIRL.

A Costume to Wear When One is Bathing or Paddling.



A USEFUL GARMENT.

Blue serge, that ever useful material, was used in the building of the pretty garment shown in this illustration. For bathing it will be ideal, and for paddling in the treacherous canoe no garment could be better. The frock is of light blouse and skirt, but the two garments are attached at the waist line.

SUMMER SLIP COVERS.

Making Them at Home Saves Much Financial Outlay.

This is an excellent time to get the summer slip covers made, for dress-making will probably be at its height just at the time they will be needed. Making slip covers at home is a most economical procedure, for well made slip covers are usually rather high priced when ordered from a good upholsterer. No special skill is required for the making of such covers, but a great deal of patience and care will be essential. No sketched fitting or sewing may be tolerated and the finished effect must be distinctly tailored. Choosing slip covers is like choosing rugs or pictures—one makes selection for a lifetime, so good material of substantial weave and attractive color should be sought, and it will be wise to purchase several yards more than the estimated need, so that new chairs added to one's collection later may be covered.

Linens in tan or striped green and tan is delightfully cool for summer slip covers and all edges should be bound with green cotton braid which comes for the purpose. Plain tan linen is liked best by some housekeepers. In some rooms cretonne slip covers will be charming. English drawing rooms are almost invariably slip covered in flower chintz during the summer months, and the effect with light muslin curtains and plenty of light flowers about is delightful. A winter bedroom done in pink may be changed to blue or green in summer by fresh slip covers, curtains and bed cover of cretonne.

Get a pattern for every slip cover first. For this pattern an old sheet or strong wrapping paper may be used, and the tape measure should not be spared. For guesswork is not to be commended in making well tailored slip covers for a formal room. Pin the paper pattern over chair or lounge just as the slip cover is to go, then cut out your material. Snap fasteners are better than buttons and buttonholes, for they prevent sagging and sagging of the fabric. Make long bags also for the portieres and snap fasten them together at the top, between the hooks of the portieres.

FOR THE SUMMER PIAZZA.

Yellow and White Daisies Embroidered Upon Brown Holland.

For the piazza tea table colors are liked better than the glaring white.



TEA TABLE SQUARE.

The one pictured here will wash as well as white and gives a rich note of color to the table and does not have to be removed after tea has been finished. The design is done in mercerized cottons.

HARD CASE

Valuable Horse Saved By Proper Action

There are few cases of fistula. Yet Michigan horse-owners know that a liniment that can cure that is certainly good for the ordinary external ills of horses. This is what Roy H. Rains of Cedar, Iowa, wrote recently: "I am using Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh for fistula on a valuable horse and it is curing same." adv.

PICTURESQUE FROCK.

Lingerie Gown That Makes Wearer Look Like Frameless Picture.



PRETTY EVENING DRESS.

"Ah! Isn't she a picture?" is heard once in perhaps a very long while, and immediately every one within hearing covertly or frankly turns to look at what promises to be a pleasant vision. And these "pictures" have not been any too plentiful recently, particularly in the not long gone period of these skirts. But fashion now holds out the pretty promise that it is the thing to be picturesquely dressed, and the woman who comes nearest to looking like a canvas belle that's lost her frame will elicit the biggest buzz of admiration.

This gown is picturesque in the extreme, being a combination of wonderful old lace and hemstitched taffeta. The underskirt is of accordion pleated pink chiffon. The bodice is decollete and sleeveless. The sleeveless bodice is very becoming to a young girl.

GOSSIP AND ADVICE.

Scrap Books Excellent Way of Conserving Much Valuable Information.

Many times you have seen in a magazine or newspaper an article or suggestion that you determined to save—and then either lost the magazine or clipping or threw it away during some cleaning up period. Why not reform?

One woman of methodical habits keeps a series of scrap books for just such articles and finds this a very neat and effective way of preserving ideas for future use.

One book is marked "Garden." In this book she has pasted every illustration or item of information on the subject that has interested her. There are pictures of trellises, arbors, pergolas, water gardens, benches or bordered paths, which she hopes to be able some time to add to her own garden; suggestions about flower or vegetable culture; advertisements she wishes to keep for reference; garden plans from various garden magazines, etc.

The other half of this book is devoted to notes on her own garden—dates on which she has planted, her success with various plants and seeds, the garden expense account, and any point that she may wish to recall at any time.

Another book is marked "House." In this she keeps articles and suggestions on household decoration. Samples of chintzes, denims and upholstery materials; illustrations of fireplaces, window seats, cupboards, stair railings, etc., that have appealed to her. Here, too, are written down the dimensions of each room, the number of windows and amount of material needed for curtains, the dates on which the last papers, rugs and curtains were bought, and the price of these. This system saves much time and trouble when a room is to be redecorated, for all the necessary information is at hand.

A large part of the book is devoted to the kitchen. In these pages are all the suggestions that have interested her. There is a list of various brands of lined goods, cereals and other foodstuffs. This is labeled "Pure Food Products," and only tested and approved brands are listed.

In the kitchen pages also are pasted notes on or advertisements of improved utensils and labor saving devices—washing machines, mayonnaise mixers, butter churns, silver cleaning pans, in fact, any approved labor saving device that she may wish to purchase.

In this way every item of household information that has interested her is preserved in accessible form with very little trouble. Recipes are not put in the scrap book, as they occupy little space and are more conveniently kept in a card index box on a shelf.

(Continued Next Week)

NEURALGIA PAINS STOPPED

You don't need to suffer those agonizing nerve pains in the face, head, arm, shoulder, chest and back. Just apply a few drops of soothing Sloan's Liniment; lie quietly a few minutes. You will get such relief and comfort! Life and the world will look brighter. Get a bottle to-day. 3 ounces for 25c., at all Druggists. Penetrates without rubbing. adv.

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Woman's World

A Woman Who Wants the Right to Wear Voter's Button.

DR. ANNA HOWARD SHAW.

The National American Woman Suffrage association has flooded the Panama-Pacific exposition with a silent argument for woman suffrage. This argument is nothing less than a modest little button which is appearing, almost overnight, as it were, upon the arm of thousands of women in attendance upon the exposition. The button reads merely, "I'm a Voter."

The idea is, of course, to make the visitors from the conservative eastern states realize, through visual aid, that there are thousands and thousands of well-groomed, happy, sensible-looking women who actually vote, and the National association has seized upon the Panama-Pacific exposition as the best possible place in which to demonstrate the truth of their contention. These buttons are being sent to women through the state suffrage organizations with which most of them are still affiliated. Several million have been turned out, it is said, for this novel demonstration.

The idea was conceived by Miss Jeannette Rankin of Montana, now a member of the congressional committee of the N. A. W. S. A., and was promptly seized upon by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the association.

"Miss Rankin can wear the button," said Dr. Shaw at the national headquarters in New York, "thanks to the men of Montana, but I can't wear it until the men of Pennsylvania give me the right next November. But I have saved a button in the hope that the men of Pennsylvania will be as just and as sensible as the western men, who have enfranchised 10,000,000 women and seem to be glad of it."

down with like colds she wouldn't know they caught it, because she has "not kissed anybody."

Nobody thinks of the mouthpiece of the telephone, and yet where is there a more convenient harbor than that for germs breathed into it from throat and nose?

The average household does not even think of dusting out the transmitter, and it is cleaned only upon the occasional visits of the repair man from the telephone company. As a matter of fact, it should be washed out frequently with a disinfectant. Even this ear piece is benefited by an occasional "wipe," as it rests against the hair and ear of everybody in the house, to say nothing of visiting workmen who want to call up headquarters.

When You Clean Up.
Save fine towels that are too worn for further use and lay them in the bottom of the drawers, with lavender between the folds.

While the clothes on the line are airing, pack flannels, furs, feathers, etc. in mothproof paper bags or boxes to be stored away in the attic, and before the dew falls at night return cotton and other fabrics required for summer use to the drawers and wardrobes that have been cleaned and aired.

Destroy with a hard heart every useless thing and burn everything that you see no probability of needing in the near future. With the best of care odds and ends will accumulate, and the labor of handling and preserving them in the hope of finding use for them by and by is often more than they are worth.

Three Sewing Hints.
In sewing in hot weather use an emery "strawberry" frequently. Passing the needle in and out through it removes moisture, all danger of rust and insures much easier manipulation. Never allow a needle to squeak.

Wax the thread thoroughly before attempting to string beads or to sew them on any material. This makes the work easier as well as stronger, and the thread or sewing silk will never knot.

Instead of binding or felling seams on lingerie, use narrow lace insertion, one piece on each side of the raw edges. Stitch on both sides with the sewing machine. Lace braids, also the bought ready-made laven folds, are admirable for the purpose and are easy of manipulation.



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